

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 34.

Claim 1 (previously amended): An adhesive composition comprising an organic polymer having in the polymer backbone amine groups selected from the group consisting of primary and secondary amine groups and mixtures thereof and a crosslinking agent for crosslinking the polymer to a fibrous web, said agent being selected from zirconium compounds wherein the zirconium has a valence of plus four, wherein the composition is a releaseable adhesive.

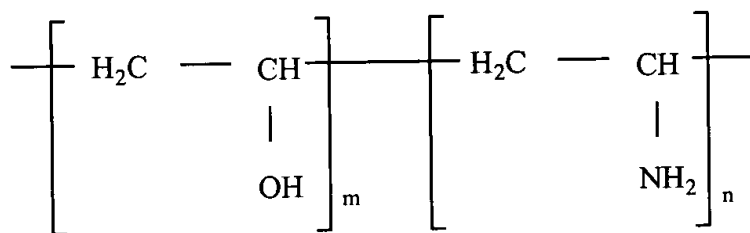
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Claim 2 (previously amended): An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that the organic polymer is selected from the group consisting of chitosan, polyvinylamine, polyvinyl alcohol-vinyl amine and polyaminoamide.

Claim 3 (previously amended): An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 characterized in that the crosslinking agent is a zirconium compound selected from the group consisting of ammonium zirconium carbonate, zirconium acetylacetonate, zirconium acetate, zirconium carbonate, zirconium sulfate, zirconium phosphate, potassium zirconium carbonate, zirconium sodium phosphate and sodium zirconium tartarate.

Claim 4 (previously amended): An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 3 characterized in that the organic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol-vinyl amine copolymers of the following structure:

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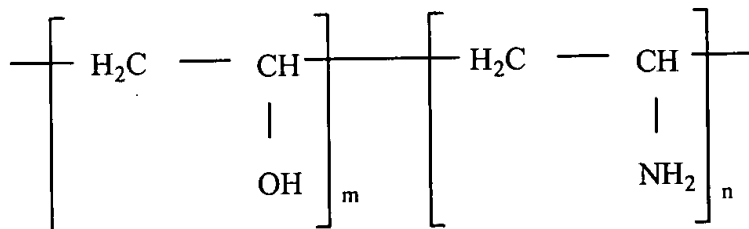
wherein m and n have values of 1 to 99 and 99 to 1 respectively.

Claim 5 (previously amended): The adhesive composition of claim 4 wherein m and n have values of 1 to 99 and 2 to 20 respectively.

~~Claims 6-25 (cancelled).~~

Claim 26 (previously amended): The adhesive composition of claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the crosslinking agent is ammonium zirconium carbonate.

Claim 27 (previously amended): An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 26 characterized in that the organic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyvinyl alcohol-vinyl amine copolymers of the following structure:



wherein m and n have values of 1 to 99 and 99 to 1 respectively.

Claim 28 (previously amended): The adhesive composition of claim 27 wherein m and n have values of 1 to 99 and 2 to 20 respectively.

Claim 29 (previously added): An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic polymer is dissolved in water to create a solution, wherein the

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solution has a liquid component and a solid component and the liquid component is about 90 to about 99% by weight of said solution.

Claim 30 (previously added): An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of the zirconium crosslinking agent to the organic polymer is about 4:1.

Claim 31 (previously added): An adhesive composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of the zirconium crosslinking agent to the organic polymer is about 0.05:1 to about 2:1.

Claims 32-33 (cancelled).

Claim 34 (currently amended): The adhesive composition of claim 1 wherein the ~~adhesive composition may be adhered to a Yankee dryer such that a creped product manufactured on the Yankee dryer will exhibit~~ composition, when adhered to a Yankee dryer, exhibits a peel force of about 300 to about 900 grams per 12 inches of fibrous web when using a papermaking machine having a speed of less than 150 feet per minute.

Claim 35 (previously added): The adhesive composition of claim 1 wherein said composition is sprayable.

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